

SYLLABUS\_PART II  
EDISON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
PSY 121s Introduction to Psychology  
3 CREDIT HOURS

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| Section/Term:       | PSY-121S-803FS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Class Meeting Time: | Online                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Location:           | Online                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Required items:     | Carole Wade, Carol Tavris, Samuel Sommers and Lisa Shin,<br>Invitation to Psychology, Eighth Edition. Hoboken, NJ: Pearson,<br>[2022] Identifiers: LCCN 2020058465   ISBN 9780134999210;<br>Access Code Card: ISBN-10: 0-13-2384034-6   ISBN-13: 978-0-<br>13-2384034-4; Rental Edition: ISBN-10: 0-13-499921-5   ISBN-<br>13: 978-0-13-499921-4 |
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**Evaluation Methods**

In addition to the readings, you'll generally have two assignments per week, all due by the end of each week. There are point penalties for late assignments.

**Exams:** You will be required to take seven open-book exams. Beginning in Week 2, you'll have a 40-question multiple choice exam every other week (with a 60-minute time limit). Completing all seven exams are required to pass the course.

**Essay:** This 100-point assignment appears in Week 7 and is required to pass the course.

**Discussion Boards:** These discussions pertaining to our chapter work will include responding to at least one other classmate.

**Assignments:** These exercises include various psychological tools and surveys, short talks, self-assessments, etc.

### **Grading Criteria**

#### *Grading Points Available*

- Exams: 100 points each
- Essay: 100 points
- Discussion Boards: 30 points each in most cases
- Assignments: 15 points each in most cases

#### *Specifically:*

- 7 Exams = 700 points
- 1 Essay = 100 points
- 5 Discussion Boards = 140 points
- 14 Assignments = 205 points
- Total Possible = 1,155 points

### **Grading Scale**

- 90-100% = A (1039 - 1155 points)
- 80- 89% = B (924 - 1038 points)
- 70- 79% = C (808 - 923 points)
- 60- 69% = D (693 - 809 points)
- Below 60% = F (less than 693 points)

### **Week By Week Assignments**

- ***ASSIGNMENTS AT A GLANCE (Allow for possible minor changes)***

#### **Week 1**

- Chapter One: What is Psychology?
- Discussion Board #1: Psychology Interests
- Critical Thinking Exercise

**Week 2**

- Chapter 2: Neurons, Hormones, and the Brain
- Brain Functioning Exercise
- Exam #1

**Week 3**

- Chapter 3: Sensation and Perception
- Sensation Exercise
- Perception Exercise

**Week 4**

- Chapter 4: Consciousness and Sleep
- Discussion Board #2: Consciousness
- Exam #2

**Week 5**

- Chapter 5: Learning
- Little Albert Exercise
- B.F. Skinner Exercise

**Week 6**

- Chapter 6: Memory
- Study Techniques Exercise
- Exam #3

**Week 7**

- Chapter 7: Thinking and Intelligence
- Intelligence Essay

**Week 8**

- Autumn Break: no assignments

**Week 9**

- Chapter 8: The Major Motives: Food, Love, Sex and Work

- Motives Exercise
- Exam #4

### **Week 10**

- Chapter 9: Emotion, Stress, and Health
- Discussion Board #3: Stress
- Emotions Exercise

### **Week 11**

- Chapter 10: Development Over the Lifespan
- Discussion Board #4: Heinz Dilemma
- Exam #5

### **Week 12**

- Chapter 11: Social Psychology
- Stanford Prison Exercise
- Social Psych Exercise

### **Week 13**

- Chapter 12: Theories of Personality
- Personality Tests Exercise
- Exam #6

### **Week 14**

- Chapter 13: Psychological Disorders
- Discussion Board #5: Psych Disorders
- Psych Disorders Exercise

### **Week 15**

- Chapter 14: Approaches to Treatment and Therapy
- Treatment Exercise
- Exam #7

### **Week 16**

- Redemption Week

## **Our Course Policies**

### **Electronic Submission Statement.**

- The assignments must be submitted through the Blackboard site by sending your work through email under "Messages." You may submit your work as a message, or you may include it as an attachment in the email message. Files must be uploaded as attachments using .doc, .docx, .ppt, .pptx, .pdf, or .txt format ONLY. Check your Blackboard email frequently for communications about this course. Once a day, Monday through Friday, is the best policy. Emails sent through Blackboard will be located in your Edison email (all students, faculty, and staff are required to use their Edison email account for ALL college communication.) Email from personal accounts will not be responded to.

### **Grading Turn Around Policy**

- Graded assignments will be returned within one week from their due date. Assignments submitted early may not be returned until one week from the due date.

### **Late Policy**

Here are the deductions for late assignments:

- For 15-point assignments and discussion boards, you lose 5 points if late and then an additional 5 pts. each week late.
- For the essay in Week 7 and all exams, you lose 10 points if late and then an additional 15 pts. for each week late.

### **Academic Integrity:**

Edison Community College expects students to submit original work for each assignment. The Student Handbook <https://www.edisonohio.edu/digipub/StudentHandbook/index.html> , pages 28-29 clearly defines academic dishonesty and how Edison handles cases of academic dishonesty. Using peer support and tutoring services is not considered academic dishonesty, as long as the work is original and in your own voice, meaning you didn't submit work you did previously or "borrow" words/ideas without crediting the source. The same policy goes for AI-generated text. For example, you may use predictive text to fix spelling errors. You may not tell an AI software to write a critique of an essay for you and copy/paste the text. Any use of AI (outside of spell-

checker) must be approved by the instructor and noted with the following at the bottom of the assignment: Any final draft exhibiting the use of AI without permission and crediting the source will be counted as plagiarism. Any assignment that is plagiarized (whether intentional or unintentional) or lacks appropriate citations will automatically receive a failing grade. Intentional submission of someone else's work as your own will result in automatic failure for the course. Whereas, assignments that simply fail to cite in MLA format will have points deducted accordingly.

### **AI Policy**

For this course, YOU must be the author of all coursework. You may use AI in some minor or non-substantive ways. The use of generative AI tools (such as ChatGPT) is permitted in this course for the following activities:

- Brainstorming and refining your ideas
- Drafting an outline to organize your thoughts
- Checking grammar and style

The use of AI tools is not permitted in this course for the following activities:

- Writing a draft of an assignment
- Writing entire sentences, paragraphs, or papers to complete class assignments

*Your use of AI tools must be properly documented and cited* to stay within college policies on academic honesty. Any assignment that is found to have used generative AI in unauthorized ways will be reported for academic misconduct. If in doubt about permitted usage, please ask for clarification.

### **TESTING YOUR FAITH ACT POLICY**

Edison State Community College is committed to providing an environment respectful of students' beliefs. Students are permitted to be absent for up to 3 days each semester based on their faith, religion, or spiritual belief system with no academic penalty. Students must complete the Testing Your Faith Act Accommodations Form, <https://www.edisonohio.edu/services-support/registration-records>, located in "Forms" and provide a copy to their individual faculty within 14 days from the start of the course. The entire policy can be found in the student handbook at <https://www.edisonohio.edu/services-support/student-resources>.

### **Technical Support**

**For Blackboard Assignment issues, the Instructor should be the first point of contact For Log-in or other technology issues:**

There are several steps you can follow if you have issues logging in to Blackboard or Office. During business hours:

- Password reset: Log onto office.com with your Edison email and follow the “forgot password” prompts.
- Reach out for help during regular business hours (9-5 Monday-Thursday, 9-4 Friday)
  - email to [support@edisonohio.edu](mailto:support@edisonohio.edu)
  - call 937-778-8600 and ask for IT Help Desk

After hours:

- Password reset: Log onto office.com with your Edison email and follow the “forgot password” prompts
- Go to [www.edisonohio.edu](http://www.edisonohio.edu) into the Resources tab and click "IT Help Desk" then click "Chat".
- Call 937-778-7957 and talk to the off-campus Blackboard company to get help